

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment received 12/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-13, 15-20, 22-32 and 34-44.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 12/20/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Naren Thappeta (Reg. No. 41416) on 03/06/2006. Examiner discussed that all the independent claims contained an unclear limitation, particularly the last limitation of each independent claims recites sending a new packet, but does not recite where the new packets are sent. Mr. Thappeta agreed to the addition of a destination to which the new packets are sent. In addition, Mr. Thappeta agreed to change the preamble of claims 20 and 22-31<sup>to</sup> "computer readable storage medium".

2. The application has been amended as follows:

3. Per claim 1, append to the last limitation so it reads, "sending said new packet to one of said plurality of remote systems".

4. Per claim 13, append to the last limitation so it reads, "means for sending said new packet to one of said plurality of remote systems".

5. Per claim 20, append to the last limitation so it reads, "sending said new packet to one of said plurality of remote systems".

6. Per claims 20 and 22-31, line 1, insert "storage" after "computer readable".

7. Per claim 32, append to the last limitation so it reads, "an outbound interface sending said new packet to one of said plurality of remote systems".

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

8. Claims 1,3-13,15-20,22-32 and 34-44 are allowed.

The following is the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art disclosed by the applicant and cited by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, **all** the limitations of the independent claim(s) (claims 1,13,20 and 32), particularly a method, service selection gateway and computer readable medium where a plurality of stored NAT tables maintains a corresponding plurality of entries that represent mappings of an original address to a new address where the plurality of entries are partitioned according to service domains such that entries corresponding to each service domain are stored in a single one of said plurality of NAT tables, wherein an entry corresponds to a service domain if the corresponding new address is in the service domain.

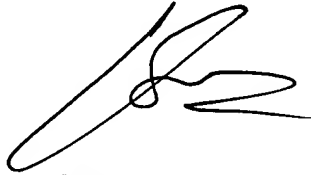
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan S. Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4143. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim N. Huynh can be reached on 571-272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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